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WORLD BANK AID FOR TRANSPORT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has earmarked $ 25 million to turn transport system greener in India;

(b) if so, whether the cities in the country have been short listed based up their project proposals;

(c) the names of the cities in India where this fund is likely to be utilized; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to judicious use of World Bank Green Environment Facility (GEF) Fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): No,Sir.The total financing requested under Global Environment Facility (GEF) is US $ 25.35 million, inclusive of project preparation grant and agency fee (10%) to the World Bank and UNDP for project cycle management services associated with the implementation of `Sustainable Urban Transport Project`(SUTP) in India.The project is not yet sanctioned.The assistance finally sanctioned by GEF will be implemented in collaboration with the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme.

(b): Cities have been short-listed based on the proposals received under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM),presentations made in the workshop at Indore in June, 2007 and proposals submitted by the States for seeking GEF assistance.

(c): The names of the cities in India where this fund is likely to be utilized are, Indore, Pune-Pimpri Chinchwad, Jalandhar,Hyderabad,Ahmedabad,Mysore,Naya Raipur,Ajmer Pushkar and Thiruvananthapuram.

(d): The Ministry has constituted Steering Committee to guide and oversee the work to be taken up under this project, Project Management unit for monitoring project implementation and appointed consultant to liaise with the World Bank,UNDP and concerned States/cities in project preparation as per GEF eligibility norms.